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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS WILLIAM P. TAYMAN (OCA/USPS-T9-4-9)
February 9, 2000

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-1-14 dated January 24, 2000, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,


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OCA/USPS-T9-4. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, pages 287 through 291. Please update the "CSRS Annuitant COLA and Annuitant Health Benefit Expense Estimation Model Input Section" to reflect OPM's bill for FY99.

OCA/USPS-T9-5. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, filename "SPTDC_00.xls." In the worksheet titled "HQ Pers Other Prog," cells A29 through A43 there are several alpha-numeric identifiers. For each of the fifteen alpha-numeric identifiers listed, please provide a descriptive title.

OCA/USPS-T9-6. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, pages 218 through 221. Please provide a description for each of the following headers:

- (a) BA 7G,
- (b) BA 7Y,
- (c) BA 7X, and
- (d) BA's.

OCA/USPS-T9-7. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, pages 172 and 173.

- (a) On page 172, part 2, the section titled, "Calculation of Weighted Heating Fuel Factor," provides Base Year actual amounts by account for "oil/other" and "gas." Please update each amount to reflect FY99 actuals.
- (b) On page 173, part 2, the section titled, "Calculation of Weighted International Transportation Factor," provides Base Year actuals by account for "Int. Air," "Int. Water" and "Term. Dues." Please update each amount to reflect FY99 actuals.

OCA/USPS-T9-8. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, filename "SPTDC_00.xls," worksheet titled "Non Pers Cost Reductions."

- (a) Please explain what the FY00 incremental amount for "Air Sys Contracts – loose pack term hand" of \$70,163,000 (\$21,000,000 + \$49,163,000) in account 53511, segment 14, component 142, cell F8, represents. Then, explain why none were listed for FY99 and FY01.
- (b) Cell 13G indicates a "Parcel Dropship Volume Shift" of \$44,206,000 for FY01, in segment 14, component 143. Please explain what is precipitating this shift, and provide the rationale used by the logistics program managers to arrive at the estimate.

OCA/USPS-T9-9. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, filename "SPTDC_00.xls", worksheet titled "Cost Red & Other Prog." The source of the information is program managers (see cell A216). In cell A218, the following statement appears "Amounts estimated by Program managers may be adjusted as a result of the budget catchball process."

- (a) Please explain what the budget catchball process is and how it operates.
- (b) If any of the amounts listed in the worksheet were adjusted due to the "budget catchball process," please provide the adjusted amounts. If the adjusted amounts were calculated, please provide the derivation and cite all source documents referenced.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

Stephanie S. Wallace

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